

Lewis County Environmental Health
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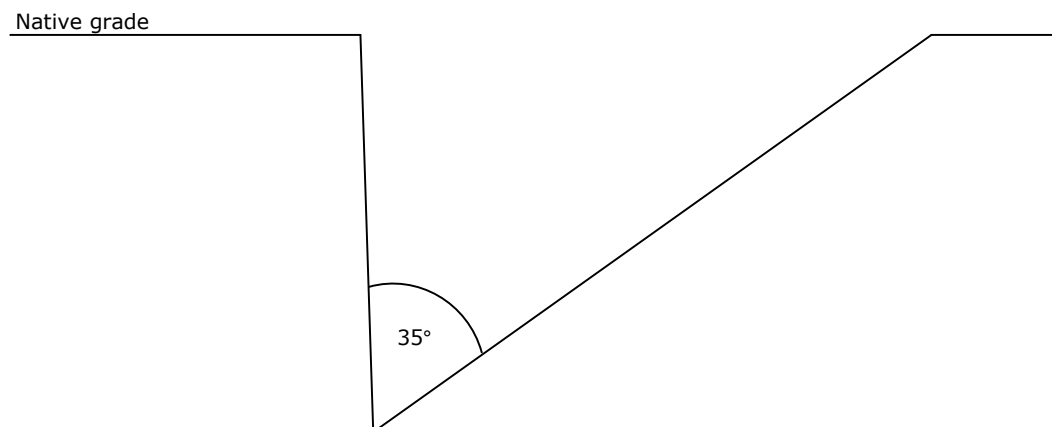


360-740-1146 or 1-800-562-6130 x1146

TEST HOLE GUIDANCE FOR ONSITE SEPTIC PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Number of holes: Most applications require 3 test holes; two holes are required within the primary drainfield and one within the reserve drainfield. There is no limit on the number of test holes that you dig. The purpose of the test holes is to determine the likely depth, type, and texture of soil found on your property

Test hole requirements: Holes must be dug greater than or equal to 100 feet away from wells, potential well sites, surface water, or other hydrologic features. Test holes must be a minimum of 6 feet deep, 3 feet wide, and graded at an angle of 35° or less. We will be walking into these pits to determine your soil characteristics. Test holes must allow for safe entry and egress.



Other conditions may apply to your site. Contact the Permit Center for more information at 360-740-1146.